



NOVEMBER 21, 2008

Convention is coming

The AMM 10th Annual Convention is almost upon us! Excitement is running high at the AMM office as we make final preparations before welcoming you next week. Here are a few final notes:

Convention Display Area

Be sure to visit our sold-out Display Area during Convention - it is an event in itself! You will have even more opportunity as there is some free time on the agenda between Monday morning's book launch and the Annual Business Meeting.

Resolutions

If you haven't done so already, please review the resolutions in the Convention Handbook to ensure all members of your council are aware of any resolutions you have spon-

sored. There are three resolutions sessions scheduled this year:

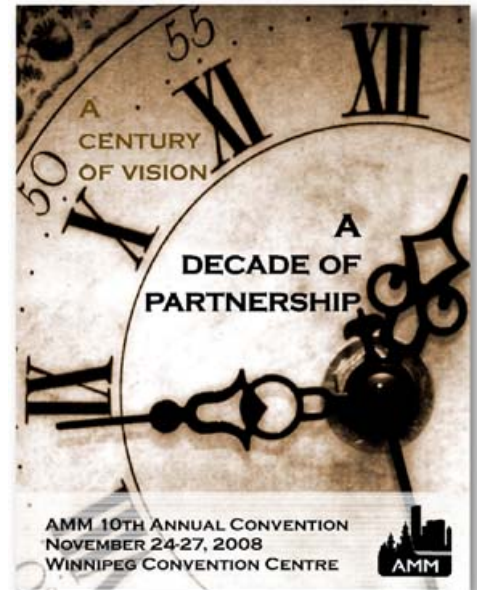
- *Tuesday, Nov. 25 - 3:30 pm*
- *Wednesday, Nov. 26 - 10:30 am*
- *Wednesday, Nov. 26 - 2:45 pm*

Book Launch

Join President Bell, Executive Director Masi, Author Gordon Goldsborough, and the Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, as we formally launch our long-awaited history book, "*With One Voice - A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba*". After the ceremony concludes, you may register for the Convention and receive your complimentary copy.

Agenda Update

Please note that our Federal Speaker is unavailable on Monday



so Keynote Speaker *Mike Duffy's* address will be moved up to 1:30 pm, allowing for a longer refreshment break afterward.

See you next week! ■

WHEREAS Manitoba municipalities need new sources of growth revenue to deal with increasing demands;

AND WHEREAS the current reliance on property taxes and provincial grants is not sustainable;

Therefore Be It Resolved That

The AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to collect a one cent municipal sales tax to be allocated to municipalities for municipal infrastructure.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the distribution of the revenue be on a per capita basis in order to be fair and equitable to all Manitoba municipalities.

LATE RESOLUTION - ONE CENT MUNICIPAL SALES TAX

Last week, the AMM Resolutions Committee met via conference call to discuss a number of late resolutions. One particular late resolution that has received a great deal of media attention is AMM Resolution #75-2008, "One Cent Municipal Sales Tax". It is sponsored by the *City of Portage la Prairie*, the *RM of Westbourne*, the *RM of Cameron*, the *City of Brandon*, the *RM of Alexander*, the *City of Winnipeg*, and several other municipalities.

Please note:

- This resolution will be the first resolution debated in the first resolution session of this year's Convention. The first session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 25, at 3:30 pm.
- The decision to carry or defeat this and all resolutions lies with the AMM membership in attendance at the resolutions sessions. Carried resolutions will be used to form the AMM's lobbying position in the coming year.
- Voting delegates include all elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers.

Coming Events



AMM 10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 24-27, 2008
WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE

CONVENTION CHECKLIST:

Before you leave for the AMM Convention, be sure you've:

- ▶ had your delegate card signed
- ▶ confirmed your hotel accommodations
- ▶ packed your convention handbook
- ▶ packed pens & paper for note-taking
- ▶ checked the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca for updated conference information
- ▶ made arrangements for emergency phone calls while at the Convention. (The AMM will not be responsible for taking any messages for delegates.)

Once you arrive at the AMM Convention, be sure to:

- ▶ bring your signed delegate card to the registration desk
- ▶ register by the **first letter** in the name of your **municipality**
- ▶ pick up a final agenda with your registration package and review up to date sessions and current times.
- ▶ assign one member of your council to pick up Gala tickets for your municipality.
- ▶ The Gala Ticket Desk will be open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday and Tuesday.

****Your gift this year includes a carry bag - no need to bring one with you!****

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AMM Elections

One of the most important events held at the AMM Convention are the elections for the AMM President, Vice-President Rural and Vice-President Urban. *There are a number of things to keep in mind when considering the AMM elections:*

- ▶ The President must be an elected official from any regular member municipality.
- ▶ The Vice-President Rural must be an elected official that is a regular member from a rural municipality and the Vice-President Urban must be an elected official that is a regular member from an urban municipality.
- ▶ Candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President Rural and Vice-President Urban must submit a nomination form to the Executive Director of the AMM prior to the time nominations close at the Annual Convention. Nomination forms are available from the Executive Director.
- ▶ The election of the President and Vice-Presidents shall take place at the Annual Convention by way of a vote of all registered and attending delegates entitled to vote. Those entitled to vote shall be elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers of any member municipality. Each elected official and Chief Administrative Officer shall have the right to exercise one vote.
- ▶ The term of office for President and Vice-Presidents shall be for one year. There shall be no limit on the number of years that a President or Vice-President can hold office.

Please keep these points in mind as we approach our Annual Convention. If you have any questions about the election process at the AMM Convention, please contact Executive Director, Joe Masi, at 204-856-2360 or jmasi@amm.mb.ca.

Notices

Interlake Areas to Receive Disaster Financial Assistance

Up to \$670,000 in disaster financial assistance will be made available for infrastructure and private property damage caused by heavy rains throughout the Interlake and Westlake from Aug. 20 to Sept. 2. Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Steve Ashton, minister responsible for emergency measures, announced on November 19. This program administered by Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization adds to previously announced agricultural assistance programs managed by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI).

The province has established the program for the rural municipalities of Alonsa, Armstrong, Bifrost, Eriksdale, Fisher, Gimli, Grahamdale, and Siglunes. Application forms and further details about the program are available online at www.gov.mb.ca/emo or by contacting EMO at 204-945-3050 or toll-free 1-888-267-8298. Applications are also available at most municipal offices.

Job Postings

RM of Stanley Assistant CAO

The RM of Stanley is seeking to fill the position of **Assistant Chief Administrative Officer**. We offer an area with one of the highest growth rates in Canada, a good work environment, competitive salary, and benefits. The Municipality's Administration Office is currently located in Morden.

For more information please contact the CAO at (204) 822-6251, or visit www.rmstanley.com.

Interested applicants are invited to submit detailed resumes by mail to 379 Stephen St. Morden, MB. R6M 1V1, or via email to rmstan@mts.net, or via fax to (204) 822-3596 no later than Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

Complete job posting is available at www.amm.mb.ca.